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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

As a resident of Magnolia, Columbia County, and a member of the Columbia County Quorum Court, I am writing on behalf of this beautiful part of southern Arkansas. With the exception of Magnolia, Columbia County is rural, with no community having more population than 3,000. Although Magnolia is a town of just under 12,000, we are a viable community, with a university (Southern Arkansas University) and a bustling town square. However, one area in which we are lagging behind more urban areas is broadband deployment.

We know that deploying broadband in rural America is challenging. In areas of low population, the cost of rolling out fiber optic lines for cable and DSL services just can't be recouped. However, the expansion of this service offers new hope for those of us living in rural Arkansas.

The proposed merger of AT&T with T-Mobile will most certainly improve mobile internet services in Columbia County by speeding up deployment of 4G LTE broadband service. Without this merger, our area may not see 4G mobile broadband access in the near future.

As you review this merger, please consider carefully the positive impact it will have on rural communities. I urge you to give it your support.

Very sincerely,



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CC:
Chairman Julius Genachowski
Chairman Michael Copps
Commissioner Robert McDowell
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn